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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:  
Alain Duboust, et al.**

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For: Endpoint Detection For Electro  
Chemical Mechanical Polishing  
And Electropolishing Processes

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 30, 2003**

In response to the Office Action dated October 30, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response extended one month to expire on March 1, 2004, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/6339/BTP, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2. Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 9. Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 16 and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 17.

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